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WHEN Maureen Spinney moved to Crewkerne five years ago with husband Alan, to be near their family, they immediately took to the sense of community found in the town.

When they heard about the Henhayes Community Centre, they soon became regulars of the short mat bowls sessions and then became trustees, giving much of their free time to helping with regular events.

Born in the East End of London, Maureen had been brought up as part of a tight community, mainly of women with many of the older men lost in the First World War and the younger ones off fighting in the second.

Her career started as a shorthand typist and personal assistant and when the children came along, she took a night job as an auxiliary in a maternity ward which she loved every minute of.

At 53 she decided to train as a social worker and went to Bournemouth University which she found reinforced a lifetime of experience, putting into practice what she already knew, that the best social work was helping people to help themselves.

At the Henhayes Centre, Maureen took over the Tuesday Group for isolated elderly, when Social Services withdrew their staffing and has recruited an army of volunteers.

60 seconds

WHY did you become a social worker?

I have always been a member of the community, growing up in streets that were bombed out, and people helped each other through adverse circumstances and isolation. There are a lot of children today who live in isolation as well as adults.

WHAT would you say was the most important part of the job?

Introducing people to each other, the workers like to think it's them but it's the fact that people are part of group, they begin chatting and then stop in the street and say hello. If they are mostly indoors and they are not meeting anyone that is what they need the most.

ARE you trying to get more young people at the Centre?

It's interesting, we all have a huge investment in the young. We have the young people's music festival which has been very successful and Ashlands schoolchildren come quite often. We have had an offer from Wadham now too. We are hoping the pre-school from the George Reynolds Centre will come across too.

DO you have any hobbies?

I like music, I used to play the piano quite a lot when I was young but it was an item of furniture kept in the front room which was never used and I gradually forgot. I like reading, people are my hobby really. I used to walk a lot but can't so much now.

IF you could time travel what would you do?

The era I'm always reading about is the late 18th century in London, when the reformers like William Booth and Barnardo were highlighting the poor.

IF you could meet anyone, who would you choose?

Elizabeth Fry, she was a Quaker and a great one for women, she had a big family and worked in prison reform for children and women. I got a book about her as a school prize.

WHAT do you like about Crewkerne?

I love how much for the community it is, our daughter said 'you'd love it here' and she was right. It's a very friendly area, people stop and talk on the street and it is an area that has known it's adversity and helped each other.

HAVE you travelled much?

We've just started to and are going to Florence in May. We've been once on a cruise but we only got five hours there so this time we are going on the train with friends. I love the art there and they are a very community minded people too, they sit in the squares together and have a great sense of identity.

WHAT would you like on your island?

I'd want some music, Tchaikovsky is the only composer I couldn't do without. I'd like something to read, I mainly read biographies although I do Like Joanna Trollope.

DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?

My main thing I want to do is get playing again, I'm lazy thatís the trouble, if can't achieve something quickly I can't be bothered.

DO you think we have lost some sense of community in general?

I think there is less help for mothers, I like the power of women, when they get together and share what they know. There was always help for mothers when I was growing up, when they'd just had a baby, someone would get the dinner and someone else would do the ironing; we've forgotten that now and so many come home to nothing. The home help was originally called the mother's home help then it became transferred to the elderly.

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Support for library strategy

By Marion Draper

A NEW strategy for Somerset's libraries was outlined to county councillors this week, which could see a series of community hubs set up and a significant increase in funding for books.

Scrutiny Committee members heard details of a review of the library service and discussed setting up pilot schemes where public services would share space in libraries, or communities could have a greater say in how their libraries are run. The strategy will deliver savings of more than £860,000 over three years and possibly lead to longer opening hours.

The broad strategy was supported by the influential campaign group Friends of Somerset Libraries (FOSL). Chairman Peter Murphy said: "The review has been a thorough piece of work. I am pleased that the friends have engaged with this review and I would say that the engagement has been constructive on both sides."

Members of FOSL attending Tuesday's meeting did raise a series of questions about the funding and savings proposals. The council's spending on books is normally £200,000, but will be increased by an extra £250,000 over the next two years, a sign of the commitment to maintaining the appeal of the county's libraries.

The cabinet member responsible for libraries, Councillor David Hall, said there are a huge number of people across Somerset willing to become more involved with supporting their libraries, and he wanted to encourage more people to come forward.

He continued: "We are living in tight financial times and we should not lose sight of that. I believe this strategy will both save money and create a library service fit for the future. I am grateful for the involvement of all those people who have taken the trouble to come forward and be part of this work. The library service is important and that is why I fully support the proposal to invest an extra £250,000 into the book fund to meet the public's demand for the latest books."

The new library strategy proposes that "libraries should be provided according to need, demand and value for money, libraries should be developed into community hubs, libraries should be responsible to, and supported by, their local communities".

Window competition

THE CREWKERNE Area Business Chamber are running a window dressing competition for businesses in the town centre.

Windows will be judged in the week of December 10th to 16th and there will be a prize for a member of the public who can name all the participating windows.

These people will be entered into a draw and the winner will receive a £20 voucher to spend in any of the participating shops.

Further details available in participating shop windows during the competition week. The window judged to be the best will be presented with a shield and £50.

Bazaar success

St Bartholomew's Church was busy with shoppers for their successful Christmas Bazaar.

South Somerset Choral Society sang Carols and St Bartholomew's Church group rang hand bells, which completed the festive atmosphere.

Donation to help fund memory group

HELPFUL TOP UP: County councillor Paul Maxwell, memory group leader Claire Smith, county councillor John Dyke and Henhayes trustee Maureen Spinney

CREWKERNE Henhayes Community Centre has started a new Memory Group which targets dementia in the community and the trustees have appointed an experienced leader - Claire Smith - to hold fortnightly sessions on Mondays.

County councillors Paul Maxwell and John Dyke teamed up to donate £1,000 to the project, from their combined health and well-being funds. Both councillors were more than pleased to be able to help finance the sessions reflecting the Governments recognition of the condition as a problem that will increase very significantly, especially in this locality, which is a popular retirement county.

The centre already has a nucleus of participants and will build up numbers and frequency of sessions as demand arises. They have contact with the doctors' surgeries which are enthusiastically behind the idea.

Trustee Tim Udall OBE, said: "Henhayes Community Centre Memory Group, will help to extend our services to the elderly and disabled residents and their carers in Crewkerne and the surrounding Somerset villages.

"Each new member that joins the group will be carefully assessed and Claire and her helper will focus on appropriate activities and advice to cope with different levels of dementia.

"Dementia is an increasing problem, because we are a popular retirement area, but the progress of the condition can be slowed down and a patient's carer can also benefit from good advice and appropriate help, improving and maintaining the quality of life in retirement.

"Thank you very much to both county councillors, for the sum of £1,000, which will help to underpin our first year start up and we hope that we shall show that this service is necessary and beneficial for the community and therefore will continue in the future."

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Local plan meeting moved to new date

CONSIDERATION of a report on the South Somerset Local Plan at a district council meeting has been delayed due to the recent severe weather conditions.

The long awaited report was due to be considered at the SSDC full council on Thursday December 13th but has now been deferred to January 17th as a result of a delay in receiving the final view of English Heritage on key matters in the plan because the recent inclement weather caused a site visit delay.

A spokesperson for the council said: "It is not felt appropriate that such a potentially important response from a statutory body, of necessity, be dealt with by oral report.

"Recent discussions with the Planning Inspectorate indicate that the deferment will have very little impact on the commencement of the countdown to examination of the plan as an inspector would not have been available until January 2013 in any event."

The council meeting will now take place at the council offices in Brympton Way, Yeovil on Thursday January17th 2013, commencing at 3pm with the part dealing with the Local Plan commencing at 6pm.

The meeting is open to the public who are welcome to attend. Agendas and reports will be available on line five working days before the meeting, and in the council offices. The minutes will also be published online and made available in council offices after the meeting.

Following consideration by full council, the Local Plan will be formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate before being examined by an independent inspector.

Boxes on their way

DESPITE being delayed by a whole day, the precious cargo of shoeboxes from Operation Christmas Child bound for Bosnia this year were finally on their way by 3pm on Tuesday of this week.

Volunteers, including help from RNAS Yeovilton were gathered at the warehouse in Chard by 10am on Monday but after waiting for an hour in the cold, a call came to say the lorry has arrived in the country but would not reach Chard until the next day.

The cheerful bunch took the delay in good heart and after enjoying a warming cuppa and some welcome doughnuts courtesy of Tesco, brought by community champion Nicky De Ath, went home with plans to do it all again.

Luckily the RNAS Yeovilton volunteers were also able to return and district co-ordinator Pamela Hodge would like to personally thank Jim Barter, Michael Whitfield, Glenn Chapman and Peter McGann, for their help with what is always a major task against the clock.

She would also like to thank all the loyal checkers of boxes, packers, transport drivers collecting the boxes to bring to Chard and loaders onto the lorry as well as of course all the adults and children who worked on creating the boxes of treasures for the needy children so far away.

She commented: "We hope that they get as much pleasure opening them as we have had preparing them for them!"

Chard was the collection point from the whole district and received 7262 shoe boxes from the area around the three market towns, plus 3,155 from Barnstaple and 685 from Cracknell Farm which collects for the Langport area, making a total of 11,102 on the lorry.

■ **WAITING FOR THE LORRY: Shoe box warehouse volunteers packed and ready**

Record funds raised at Lopen Mistletoe Fayre

■ **RECORD AMOUNT: Jackie and Nick George, Richard Lupton, the Reverend Julia Hicks and Mike Constable with Lopen villagers**

ONCE more the small village of Lopen has bucked the trend and broken all previous records for fundraising at their annual Mistletoe Fayre.

A total of £1,733 enabled them to present two cheques of £866.50 each to Richard Lupton, regional representative of Help for Heroes, and the Reverend Julia Hicks on behalf of Lopen Church and Schoolroom.

Mr Lupton gave an assembled group of villagers and update on the charity when he visited on Tuesday and explained that although fundraising had exceeded all expectation, the intention now was to carry on beyond the building of the recovery centres, working alongside the Royal British Legion and other forces charities to ensure their future and to help amputees re-train to become as useful part of society.

He thanked the organisers for such a generous amount and said how impressed he was that a small community could raise so much.

He continued: "Thanks to people like you, you now have the most extraordinarily brilliant recovery service which does everything from a simple grab bag for the injured to take on the plane home, to re-training."

The cheques were presented by Nick George who, with his wife Jackie, organised the fayre and Mike Constable, PCC treasurer.

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Were you affected by flooding in Ilminster?

ILMINSTER Town Council is holding a public meeting at Swanmead School on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 7.15pm for people affected by flooding in Ilminster.

The council would like local people to share their experience and knowledge of what happened, possible causes and ideas of how flooding may be prevented in the future.

Anyone who has been affected by the recent flooding is welcome to attend and should arrive for 7.15pm, there is no need to let the council know in advance.

It would be very useful if photos showing the flooding, that the council may keep, could be brought to the meeting (on the back of the photo it would be helpful to have the name and contact details of the person supplying the picture, location of what the picture is showing and the date and time the picture was taken.)

The information provided at the meeting will be reported to the town council meeting on January 8th.

The council has no responsibilities or duties regarding flooding or highways but where there is sufficient information available is willing to consider how it may liaise with relevant organisations to improve Ilminster for the benefit of residents, traders and visitors.

■ THINKING HARD: Nine year old Harry Bambury with Father Christmas

Village fair is a good fundraiser

SHEPTON Beauchamp held their annual Christmas fair in the village hall which was packed with stalls selling everything from Christmas cakes to local crafts and festive wreaths.

There were even reindeer droppings on offer (chocolate raisins), courtesy of the school.

Father Christmas was having a busy time in his grotto and the refeshments were selling well.

The event is always well attended and a very sociable part of the village calendar.

■ REINDER DROPPINGS AND CAKES: Anna Sanders from Shepton Beauchamp School

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Store staff cycling to Lapland

STAFF at the Ilminster Tesco store are donning their exercise gear once again for a cycle to Lapland to see Santa, joining forces with colleagues across the UK to take part in a £1 million festive fundraising weekend that looks set to be the biggest ever held by the supermarket.

For the first time all Tesco stores, head office and distribution centres will be joining together to "Cycle to Lapland" to raise money for Cancer Research UK

Staff from the Ilminster store will share stints on a static bicycle, hoping to clock up enough miles to reach the home of Father Christmas. The cycling will form part of a range of in store activities including a children's treasure hunt, a colouring competition, a lucky dip and meeting Father Christmas, to raise money for Cancer Research Uk's life-saving work.

Cancer Research UK is the Tesco Charity of the Year for 2012 and the staff at the Ilminster store are aiming to raise as much money as possible to help hit the £10 million fundraising target.

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Crewkerne lights up for Christmas

By Marion Draper

THERE was a big crowd in town for the annual lighting up of Crewkerne and by the time Father Christmas arrived, with the help of the Crewkerne District Rotary Club, Market Square was packed solid for the big countdown.

The winter chill even had the hardy Merriott Majorettes in coats as they twirled their way along Market Street, hailing Santa's arrival.

The craft market in the Victoria Hall started things off and was soon buzzing as people were welcomed into the hall with a free piece of yule log or a mince pie, courtesy of the combined churches.

The children's fancy dress, traditionally held outside the town hall, saw only five entries this year and the organisers are contemplating a change for next year's event. Under the circumstances all the entrants were declared winners.

There were more welcoming doors open for the evening across the town than ever before, giving Christmas shoppers a few options and a few new faces at the craft market and in Falkland Square where the charity stalls, a few traders and a mini fairground were set up as the Phoenix Brass band played.

Carol singing in Market Square was led by members of Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society and friends and there was a great atmosphere with everyone getting into the festive spirit.

The museum was open and attracted many visitors with their arts and crafts exhibition and Santa's workshop in the window. The Red Cross and Rotary shops were busy and some of the charity tombolas were sold out in no time.

Something was to be found in every direction and in the George Precinct, which looked particularly festive with its old style shop fronts, there was mulled wine, cakes and a post horn blowing challenge to tempt the passers by.

Hot food was also on offer in Market Street with Franks staying open late with baked potatoes and more and, at the other end, Barrett Brothers were working frantically to keep up with the demand for their hog roast.

Town crier David Craner warmed up the crowd and got them in fine voice for the count to switch on the lights as he got them to repeat his 'Oyez' of which the third one he managed to keep going for several normal breaths.

The mayor, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe, and Father Christmas then joined in with the counting as all eyes turned to the Christmas tree outside the town hall.

Families peeled off to visit Santa's grotto and others stayed to enjoyed the music entertainment which carried on for some time.

It was a very busy and successful end to a year of planning for those who worked so hard behind the scenes.

SANTA ARRIVES | The Rotary Club of Crewkerne District transported the jolly gent

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DRESSED THE PART | Diane Crowson, Jackie Trickett and Glynnis Senior outside the Vintage Shoppe

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■ DAFFODIL bulb planting in Crewkerne last week, organised by district councillor Angie Singleton, was very well supported. Almost 20 volunteers turned up at the Town Hall to assist. It was decided to concentrate on two areas of the town, North Street and the Hermitage Street / Lyme Road junction with Middle Path. Volunteers are pictued above at the Middle Path junction including the Mayor, Cllr Robin Pailthorpe. He said that the group's efforts would help adorn the town in early spring although it seemed a long way off at the moment.

Train station Friends to hold open day

THE FRIENDS of Crewkerne Station's latest project was unearthing an old flower bed in the grass bank beyond the bridge.

The volunteers tackled the outline of the bed with enthusiasm but found a big hidden challenge as beneath the surface were bricks and rubble.

Volunteer Gail Coleshill said: "I think we bit off a bit more than we knew.

"It took half a dozen of us ages to clear out the old bricks and put a bit of top soil down. We think there must be half a demolished building under that bank.

"Misterton Parish Council has donated some daffodil bulbs through Parish Councillor Robin Heyd-Smith to plant here, and around the station."

The determined crew met again on December 4th to plant the bulbs and to plan the next station open day, which will be on Saturday, December 15th.

At the open day there will be an exhibition of old photos from the station, an opportunity to see what the Friends have been doing on the platform over the past year, an 00 gauge model of the Bulleid Light Pacific steam engine 'Crewkerne' running in the booking office and a food hamper to be won.

FOCS Chairman Tony Reese said: "The open day is an opportunity for people to see what a difference the Friends have made to their station.

"We will also have the Pumphouse open with a historic display and Keylock's Accountancy has given us the chance of a look round the old stationmaster's house."

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Festive lights switched on in Chard

by Philip Evans

THOUSANDS gathered in the High Street in Chard on Friday evening of last week to see the town's Christmas lights turned on.

The big switch-on was the highlight of an early evening of entertainment organised by the Chard Town Team, led by chairman Garry Shortland.

The honour of turning on the lights on the balcony of Chard Guildhall went to Beth Maidment, aged 10, from Redstart Primary School, who won the competition to design a logo for the ceremony, and Logan McKerrow, the enterprising youngster who made an Olympic torch out of cardboard and sold it over and over again on ebay, raising thousands for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity. Logan was accompanied by his sister Tamsin.

Also present at the turning on ceremony was the Mayor of Chard, Councillor Cathie Morrison, and her consort husband Jim.

A number of stalls selling a wide variety of festive goodies, many manned by local charities, lined Holyrood Street and the High Street, adding to the festive spirit.

Father Christmas made an early appearance on his sleigh and the BBC Somerset and Yarlington Community buses were also in attendance.

Chard Majorettes gave a display in the main street before the turning on ceremony and the crowd, one of the biggest seen in Chard in recent years, were entertained by local performer Emily Glynn, the McDd Choir and juggler Bangles.

■CIVIC GUESTS: The Mayor of Chard Councillor Cathie Morrison with her husband Jim at the switch on

■THE MAIN MAN: Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh

■SWITCH ON PARTY: Tamsin McKerrow, Beth Maidment and Logan McKerrow await their big moment

■CARNIVAL ROYALTY: Miss Chard Becky Higgins and Carnival Princess Helen Salter enjoy the festive atmosphere

■GOING WITH A SWING: Chard majorettes entertain the crowd

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Thanks to air ambulance

FOR HOLLY Wells, from Chard, this year's Cotley Hunt was the opportunity to present some hard-earned funds to Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

As previously reported in ***The Weekender,*** Holly was airlifted by the Devon Air Ambulance helicopter in January this year, after being kicked in the face by her horse as she dismounted when it fell on the ice.

Catapulted through the air, Holly was left unconscious, with some teeth knocked out and lacerations to her cheeks and lips.

During the following months of recovery and rehabilitation, Holly was motivated to fundraise for the trust and began training for the Forest of Dean half marathon.

On September 30th she achieved her plan and took part in the race , finishing in a very creditable two hours. She was delighted to exceed her sponsorship target by raising £1,057.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust volunteer, Simon Card, was on hand at the Cotley Hunt to receive the cheque and said: "Holly really is a remarkable young lady. She suffered the most horrible injuries in her accident and is still undergoing treatment. Everyone involved in The Cotley Hunt appreciates the value of the air ambulance and clearly understands the value of urgent medical attention in remote places.

"Many congratulations to Holly for raising this fantastic amount."

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS: Holly Wells presents her cheque to Simon Card from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Chard Rotary Club seeking new members

THE ROTARY Club of Chard welcomed representatives of local businesses to an information evening last month at its regular meeting venue, the Phoenix Hotel.

The evening, which proved to be very successful, enabled the visitors to gain a better understanding, of the way that the club has added to the life of the town.

It also gave the members an insight into how it is viewed by others.

They hope to repeat the exercise during spring 2013, in the meantime, if anyone is interested in attending a meeting to learn more about Rotary and what being a member involves please contact Robin Williams on 01460 66631.

HOLYROOD Academy Year 7 hockey team played in the Yeovil and District finals Their semi- final game was against Sexeys School which was an excellent team performance from the Holyrood side and saw them win the game 3-2.

In the final they faced The Gryphon School, a team they had previously played in the pool matches. Gryphon were strong and despite valiant Holyrood attempts on goal and tireless work in defence the game ended 7-0 to Gryphon.

Mrs Bowker praised her team for their efforts, they were: Agatha Evans; Katrina Gunn-Lane; Danni Jones; Olivia Lawrence; Olivia Coles; Natalia Mia-Roach; Katie Clark; Chelsie Bale; Lily Tomlinson and Morgan Bennett.

FREDDIE Ferne, mascot for Ferne Animal Sanctuary was holding his head in dismay following a report by the charity's supporters that people were seen removing donated food from their collection point outside Tesco in Chard.
The charity tries to empty the large bin as often as possible but had noticed donations seemed to be down and then got a call to say someone had been seen filling their trolley from the bin - no mean feat due to the depth combine with the size of hole. The sanctuary currently has a lot of dogs and cats and with winter here, they will need extra feed and bedding for all the animal in their care. Freddie hopes that word will get out and the vigilance of Tesco customers will prevent further self- service at their honesty box.

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Lanes Garden Shop is also the place to find that special present for family and friends. If you are struggling for ideas or are looking for something different this year, why not choose a sundial, garden clock or fair trade metal animal sculpture. For the keen gardener there is also a range of garden hand tools, gloves, watering cans & trugs, as well as children's seed kits for the budding gardeners in the family! There really is something for everyone at Lanes this Christmas.

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Christmas Tree display at Combe St Nicholas Methodist Church

ONCE again, Combe St Nicholas Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Display. I hope that more groups will be able to display their tree this year, as last year the Church looked festive and colourful at this time.

Groups and societies have been invited to exhibit their tree whilst at the same time raising funds for their group. There will be an opportunity for people visiting the display to make a donation to any cause/tree if they wish.

The display will be open for viewing between the hours of 2.00 and 4.00 pm from Sunday December 9th until Wednesday December 12th. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served in the Schoolroom during that time. Our service at 11.00 am on Sunday December 9th will be led by Mrs Ann Skinner of Sidford to which you are all invited.

Guardians of Martock Church present a special Christmas Concert

THE Guardians of Martock Church present a special Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 22nd, featuring Belinda Evans and Friends.

This concert will be in the same format as Belinda's concert last Christmas, attended by an audience of 295, which raised over £2,000 for St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice and The Guardians. The concert will begin, like last year, with folk songs, songs from the shows and operatic and Christmas favourites.

However there will be one major difference, because Belinda has formed a singing trio in which she is joined by Jenny Bacon, the soprano who came with her last year, and a newcomer, Vanessa Heine - mezzo soprano, for part of the concert, when they will perform numbers based on the style and repertoire of The Andrews Sisters, who were a singing sensation in the USA from 1937 to 1967 whose records sold 75 million copies.

Belinda's trio have now made a CD and copies will be on sale at the concert. They are making their concert debut in Bournemouth on December 21st, so the Guardians cocnert will be the second public performance. As before, their piano accompanist will be Colin Hunt who will also play some organ solos.

With three singers available for the whole of the concert, Belinda will share the solo work and have duo and trio formats. All the performers are giving their services free.

Proceeds from the Martock concert will go to St Margaret's Yeovil Hospice and The Guardians.

Tickets will be £9 on the door or £8 from village outlets or 01935 822706

RETURN | The ever popular Belinda Evans will return to Martock a

A Wright Royal concert at the Marine Theatre

IF Nat King Cole, Django Reinhardt and Edith Piaf had put together a band in 1940s Paris, it would sound something like Emily Wright and The Royals. Celebrating some of the more unusual repertoire from the great American Songbook, the Royals swing like golden era New York city, with a touch of Manouche Gypsy brought by David Archer (Sheelanagig, Moscow Drug Club) on guitar.

Described by Venue Magazine as "an amazing vocalist" and featured in the Daily Telegraph, Emily Wright is a young, dynamic jazz singer whose recent sold-out appearances at Brecon, Oxford and Cheltenham Jazz Festivals received widespread critical acclaim.

Emily Wright and The Royals perform at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis this Friday, December 7th. Doors open 7.45pm, and the band will be onstage at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £12.50 and £10.50, and are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or from the box office on 01297 442138. A TheatreFriends discount is available.

Emily Wright and The Royals

Soprano to Perform Songs and Stories

DISCOVER how a Diva got paid for singing in the bath when Christine Bunning appears at Bridport Arts Centre. The Soprano will be presenting a hilarious and fast paced evening of songs and anecdotes from her rich and varied stage career on Saturday, December 8th, 7.30pm

Christine studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. After winning several prizes there she studied further in Vienna and on her return to England she worked with the New Sadlers Wells Opera and Glyndebourne Festival Opera. In addition to her operatic work Christine is a busy concert singer and recitalist.

Join her at Bridport Arts Centre for a fascinating journey through musical theatre songs, current internet trends and operatic favourites. You will also discover how she narrowly escaped appearing on Top of the Pops... Be prepared to laugh, to cry, and do some of the singing as well!

Tickets are available for www.bridport-arts.com or from the Arts Centre Box Office (01308 424204) priced £12 adult/ £10 members/ £8 concessions.

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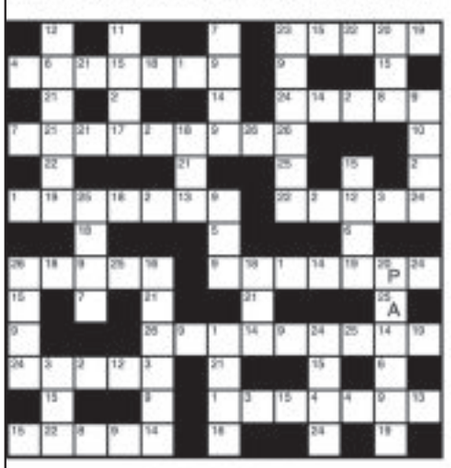

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. One may be so and still have dress-sense! (7-3)
7. Circular belt of gas (5)
8. Directions permit a bird (7)
10. Made about a thousand to be burned (8)
11. Just what you expect from the villain! (4)
13. A diminutive person - or a ten-footer! (6)
15. Insect upset Barsac (6)
17. Mark of the devil? (4)
18. A new look for cars here (8)
21. Some leavers reform (7)
22. Mother and boy in the building trade (5)
23. Old mathematician made riches in a way (10)

Down

1. Not far from the cathedral precincts (5)
2. With which to welcome honest members (4,4)
3. Rush from Athens (6)
4. Lead when I get out of step (4)
5. It's finished everywhere (3,4)
6. Pieces of light music? (5,5)
9. Fit after trailing badly (4,6)
12. Uttered a cry to make me scared (8)
14. Feel better and get dressed again? (7)
16. Ambled into a madhouse (6)
19. Even energetic billiard players may need them! (5)
20. Pointless search for a way through (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Alfresco (3-2-5)
7. Tree (5)
8. Large dog (7)
10. Goodbye (8)
11. Grudge (4)
13. Crowd (6)
15. Blush (6)
17. Grasp (4)
18. Underground cemetery (8)
21. Certificate (7)
22. Boxing ring (5)
23. Bearing (10)

Down

1. Command (5)
2. Hurling (8)
3. Woman (6)
4. Eject (4)
5. Ruled (7)
6. Unnatural (3-7)
9. Sea-plane (6-4)
12. Sever (8)
14. Slip back (7)
16. Empty (6)
19. Apparent (5)
20. Unaccompanied (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Hot cake; 7 Nomad; 9 Era; 10 Upper case; 12 Break the law; 15 Latin master; 17 Realistic; 19 Pro; 21 Noise; 22 Nothing. Down: 1 Board; 2 Ace; 3 Skip; 4 Concealed; 5 Caveman; 8 Berths; 11 Fruitless; 13 Almost; 14 Care for; 16 Arena; 18 Iron; 20 Shy. QUICK - Across: 6 Quicken; 7 Debar; 9 Old; 10 Alternate; 12 Deferential; 15 Exhortation; 17 Communion; 19 Ill; 21 Unity; 22 Rejoice. Down: 1 Guile; 2 Act; 3 Zest; 4 Deduction; 5 Partial; 8 Desert; 11 Deformity; 13 Extend; 14 Expound; 16 Slack; 18 Over; 20 Vow.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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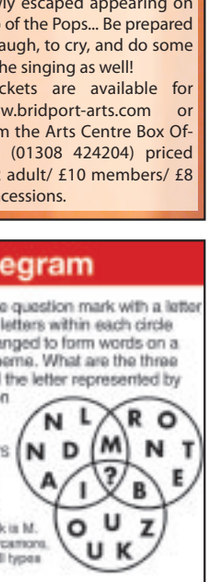
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is M. Bergamot, sycamore, mahogany, all types of tree.

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Christmas starts at the David Hall

ST AGNES Fountain have just embarked on their 12th consecutive sell-out Christmas tour.

Since their first get together, to record the eponymous *St Agnes Fountain* album in 2001, the quartet of founder David Hughes, Fairport Convention's Chris Leslie and 2009's BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards Best Duo, Chris While and Julie Matthews, have brought musical invention and laughter to the star-dust atmosphere of the season.

'The Aggies' have just released their eighth album, *Twelve Years of Christmas,* and the new release once again combines new versions of classic Christmas carols, original compositions and one or two fun surprises.

Although their albums accompany the putting up of a thousand Christmas trees throughout the country, it is, without question, their magical live performances that have endeared them to an ever-growing audience.

The band play two shows at South Petherton's David Hall this weekend. The Saturday show is sold out but there are still a handful tickets for tonight's performance (Friday, December 7th) still available. Call 01460 240340 to book.

They hope to bring you, this December in their dozenth year, more of their sparkling musicianship, humour and heartful renditions of your favourite Christmas tunes both original and those you know so well (or thought you did).

Christmas, as they say, starts with St Agnes Fountain.

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Quorn Sausage & Red Onion Marmalade - £5.50,
Mozzarella & Roast Pepper - £5.40, Tuna & Black Olives - £5.80

Children's Menu (all £2.95)
Fish Finger, Chips & Beans, Quorn Chicken Nuggets & Salad
Quorn Sausage & Mash with Veggie Gravy & Peas

Extras
Bombay Potato Salad - £1.50, Coleslaw - £1.50,
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• We take lunch orders up to 3pm.

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THE TRUE STORY
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Tickets available from Lanes Garden Shop, 17 Silver Street, Ilminster or
07943 779 880
The Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, Ilminster TA19 9AD
www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk

Events

We are busy bees at
The Henhayes Centre
in Crewkerne
LOOK WHAT'S ON

A date for your diary
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday 22nd December, 7pm to 10.30pm
Live band, disco, games and carols
Refreshments available and the bar will be open. £3 entry, children free

Every Tuesday from 10am until 2.30pm
THE TUESDAY WELCOME GROUP
Entertainment and lunch for the over 70s
Also on Tuesday
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EVERY WEDNESDAY
2.30pm – 4pm
BINGO Cash Prizes
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OVER 50S KEEP FIT
A class which proves exercising can be fun

Friday Luncheon Club
Come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and chat with our volunteers
£4.50 (reduction for members)
Local transport can be arranged

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For further details please contact
The Henhayes Centre, South Street Car Park, Crewkerne
Tel: 01460 74340 www.henhayes.co.uk

Arts centre

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AT THE MEETING HOUSE

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 8th December
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH

CREWKERNE: Friday Luncheon Club at Henhayes Centre - come and enjoy a delicious meal and have a laugh and chat with our volunteers. Lunch from £4.50 and local transport can be arranged.

CHARD: "Christmas Carol Service" in The Guildhall. Carols sung by Redstart School and Avishayes School evening starts at 6pm tickets on sale now Chard Tourist Information Centre priced £3 Adults & £1.50 Children up to 16 years.(please note this is a ticketed event)

CHARDSTOCK: St Andrews School in Chardstock are holding their annual fundraising Christmas Bingo Night on Friday 7th Dec. Starts 7pm and eye's down at 7.30pm. Lots of great prizes and also a Christmas prize draw. All welcome.

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Pre School Christmas Market. 6-8pm at Barrington Village Hall. We have at least a dozen stalls selling a variety of gifts and presents, we also have a visit from Father Christmas. There will be Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Teas and Coffees. The preschool have fantastic facilities which cater for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. We have available places on our sessions which are currently Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9.15 until 3pm. If you would like to arrange a visit then either contact Jane Mitchell on 01460 54629 or at the Preschool on 07938 016319 or by visiting our website which is barringtonpreschool.co.uk.
All proceeds at this event will go towards the Preschool to purchase new equipment and resources.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH & SATURDAY 8TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS Christmas Concert at Victoria Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 to include glass of mulled wine & mince pie. Tickets available from Community Office or phoning Wendy on 01460 74380.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH

DONYATT: St Mary's Church Christmas Bazaar at Donyatt Village Hall from 2-5pm. Lots of stalls, a raffle, tombola, and name the teddy bear. Teas, coffees and mince pies also available. In aid of the Church Redecoration. Everyone welcome.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Lions are hosting a SANTA IN HIS GROTTO event at Antiques Bazaar, Crewkerne on Saturday 8th December. Santa is arriving on his DONKEY-DRAWN trap, to the delight of the onlookers!
Entry to the grotto is £2 per child including a wonderful Christmas present! All proceeds to Crewkerne Lions Club. In addition the NSPCC and a central African charity will be in attendance. With an on-site parking, a great cafe and numerous antique and vintage traders, Antiques Bazaar is the place to be on Saturday 8th December! For more information please call 07854 377649

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH

CHARD: "Stage4kidz" Christmas Spectacular at the Guildhall Chard shows start at 3pm ticket on sale Chard Tourist Information Centre priced £5.00 for more information please visit http://www.stage4kidz.co.uk/

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH

DONYATT: Festive Big Breakfast and Christmas Craft Market at Donyatt Village Hall from 9am-12noon.

MONDAY DECEMBER 10TH

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club are holding their annual Christmas Bingo Evening at Misterton Village Hall, Unity Lane. Eyes down 7.30 pm Doors open 6.45 pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11TH

MERRIOTT: Merriott Christmas Bingo at the Tithe Barn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Refreshments available. Proceeds to Merriott Church. Everyone welcome.

MOSTERTON: Mosterton Gardening Club meeting in the village hall at 7.30pm. Mr. S. Northcote will give a talk entitled "The World of the Tropical Garden" - a good subject for these dark, winter days! The hall is on the main A3066 road by the 'phone box.

CHARD: Screen at the Guildhall Chard will be showing "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen" doors open at 7.00pm films starts at 7.30pm ticket available on the door. For more information please email satgchard@hotmail.co.uk

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH - THURSDAY 22ND

CREWKERNE: Christmas Tree Festival at St Bartholomew's. Open 10am-6pm, free entry, donations appreciated.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, midday for 12.30pm start. This will be a special Christmas lunch; all welcome, but please book in advance by phon ing 01460 77057.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 13TH

CHARD: The Rotary Club of Chard will be holding their annual Carols by Candlelight service in St. Mary's Church, Chard.
The service, which starts at 7.30pm, features a children's choir from Thorncombe Primary School and the Combe St. Nicholas Handbell Ringers and there will be coffee and mince pies after the service.
Admission is free although there will be a collection in support of the Chard and Tatworth First Responders.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH

CHARD: New Indoor Market The Guildhall Chard Saturday 15th December offering a wonderful selection of stalls, free entry, café open serving home cooked food. New traders always welcome, spaces are now limited. please phone 01460 239567 for more information. Next market 22nd December

ILTON: Ilton Cricket Club, will be holding there christmas party on Saturday 15th December, where santa claus will be there from 7.30-8.30pm.
Followed by a christmas disco for adults and children.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH

CREWKERNE: Community Church carol service 4pm. Gingerbread competition for under 11s 11-18s and over 18s. All welcome. Barn Street .01460 77489

MONDAY DECEMBER 17TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness December Meeting. Guest Speaker: Gary Balman.Topic: Reiki/Sound Healing. Venue: Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. Time: 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Festive Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 78673.

ILTON: Ilton Cricket Club, will be holding its annual Christmas Turkey Bingo. Doors open 7pm with eyes down 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22ND

CREWKERNE: Family Christmas Party at The Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne, from 7pm to 10.30pm. Live band, disco, games and carols. Refreshments available and the bar will be open. £3 entry, children free. To find out more phone 01460 74340

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS 15
A STRUGGLING screenwriter inadvertently becomes entangled in the Los Angeles criminal underworld after his oddball friends kidnap a gangster's beloved Shih Tzu.
Stars Colin Farrell, Woody Harrelson, Christopher Walken and Sam Rockwell.

THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS 18
ON THE hunt for a fabled treasure of gold, a band of warriors, assassins, and a rogue British soldier descend upon a village in feudal China, where a humble blacksmith looks to defend himself and his fellow villagers.
Stars Russell Crow, Cung Le and Lucy Liu.

CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER 15
CELESTE and Jesse have been best friends forever. They dated in high school, got married, and now they're getting divorced. Their best friends don't think they can maintain their friendship throughout the dissolution of their marriage, but Celeste and Jesse don't think there will be a problem. But that's before Jesse gets into a relationship that Celeste doesn't think he can handle, and Celeste finds it harder to move on than she originally thought. Stars Rashida Jones, Andy Samberg and Elijah Wood.

SO UNDERCOVER 12A
A TOUGH, street-smart private eye is hired by the FBI to go undercover in a college sorority.
Stars Miley Cyrus, Alexid Knapp and Joshua Bowman.

CONFESSION OF A CHILD OF THE CENTURY 15
PARIS, 1830: Octave, betrayed by his mistress, sinks into despair and debauchery. His father's death leads him to the country where he meets Brigitte, a widow who is ten years his elder. Octave falls in love passionately, but will he have the courage to believe in it? Stars Pete Doherty, Charlotte Gainsbourg, August Diehl and Lily Cole.

THE ORANGES 15
THE enduring friendship between the Walling and Ostroff families is tested when Nina, the prodigal Ostroff daughter, returns home for the holidays after a five-year absence and enters into an affair with David, head of the Walling family. Stars Leighton Meester, Hugh Laurie and Catherine Keener.

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THURSDAYS 8am - 2pm
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Friday 7th December
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
6pm With the children from Avishayes and Redstart Schools.
Tickets on sale Chard Tourist Information Centre priced £3 adult, £1.50 under 16 years. (please note this is a ticketed event)

Saturday 15th & 22nd December
NEW INDOOR MARKET
from 8.30 am to 2pm Café open serving home cooked food.
New traders welcome.

Saturday 5th January
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Saturday 5th January
9am - 12:30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission free, refreshments available

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
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WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, December 7th - Thursday, December 13th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
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www.cineworld.co.uk

Skyfall 12A
Fri, Mon, Tue: 14.10, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Sat & Sun: 11.00, 14.10, 17.20, 20.30 (plus Sun 11am)
Tue, Thu: 14.10, 17.20, 20.30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 12A
Fri-Wed: 14.00, 16.50, 19.40, 20.40 plus Sat & Sun: 11.10am
Thu: 14.00, 16.50, 19.40
Seven Psychopaths 15
Fri-Daily: 13.10, 15.40, 18.30, 21.00, plus Sun: 10.20am
Silver Linings Playbook 15
Fri, Mon, Wed: 15.00, 17.50, 20.50
Sat, Sun: 17.50, 20.50
Tue: 15.00, 20.50
Rise Of The Guardians PG
Fri, Tue-Thu: 13.00, 14.30, 15.30, 17.00, 18.00, 20.20
Sat & Sun: 12.00, 13.00, 14.30, 15.30, 17.00, 18.00, 20.20, plus Sun: 10.30am
Mon: 13.00, 14.30, 15.30, 17.00, 18.00, 20.20
Alex Cross 15
Fri-Mon, Wed: 21.20
Diary Of A Wimpy Kids: Dog Days U
Sat: 10.10am
Great Expectations 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 14.20, 17.10, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 11.20 14.20, 20.00, plus Sun: 17.10
Ice Age 4: Continental Drift U
Sat: 10.20am
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted PG
Fri-Wed: 13.50, 16.10, plus Sat & Sun: 11.30am
Nativity 2: Danger In The Manger U
Fri, Mon-Wed: 13.30, 16.20, 18.50
Sat & Sun: 10.50, 12.10, 13.30, 15.00, 16.20, 18.50 Thu: 13.30, 16.20
So Undercover 12A
Fri-Wed: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20, plus Sat & Sun: 11.20am Thu: 13.40, 16.00
The Lorax U
Sat: 10.00am
The Oranges 15
Fri-Mon, Wed: 18.40, 21.10 Tue, Thu: 21.10

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www.odeon.co.uk

End Of Watch 15
Fri-Wed: 20.15
Great Expectations 12A
Fri-Wed: 19.45
Hotel Transyvania U
Sat-Sun: 10.30
Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted *in 2D* PG
Sat: 10.20
Nativity 2: Danger In The Manger U
Daily: 12.00, 14.30, 17.00
Rise Of The Guardians *in 2D* PG
Fri: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10
Sat-Sun: 10.45, 13.10, 15.40, 18.10
Mon-Wed: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10
Rise Of The Guardians *in 3D* PG
Daily: 11.40, 14.00, 16.40
Seven Psychopaths 15
Fri-Wed: 12.10, 14.45, 17.45, 20.45
Silver Linings Playbook 15
Fri: 12.30, 15.30, 18.50, 21.40
Sat: 12.30, 15.30, 21.40
Sun: 12.30, 15.30, 18.50, 21.40
Mon: 12.30, 15.30, 18.50, 21.40
Tue: 12.30, 15.30, 21.40
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Sat: 12.45, 15.20, 18.15, 21.00, 22.15
Sun-Wed: 12.45, 15.20, 18.15, 20.00, 21.00

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Great Expectations 12A
Fri, Sat, Mon: 18.00, Sun: 14.40
Silver Linings Playbook 15
Fri-Wed: 20.35, Thu: 13.45
Hotel Transylvania PG Sat: 15.20
Salmon Fishing In The Yemen 12A Thu: 10.30am

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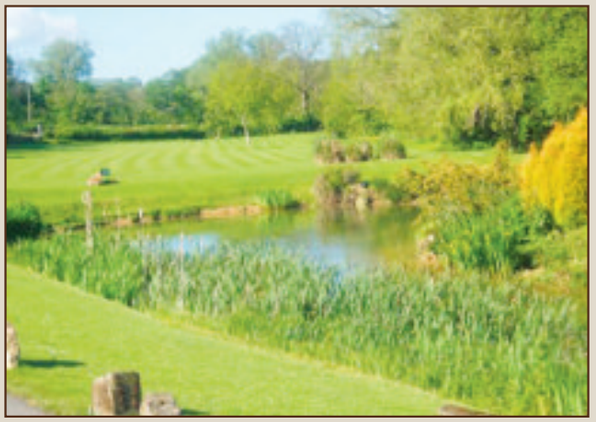

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The Forester scored highly in all four areas (Adult Occupant Protection, Child Occupant Protection, Pedestrian Protection and Safety Assist) thanks to further advances in Subaru's unique ring-shaped reinforcement frame body and the extensive use of high-tensile steel.

The Forester was awarded the maximum score for the protection of all body regions in the side barrier test, while its front bumpers scored the highest mark for protection of pedestrian legs. A 91 per cent rating for Child Occupant Protection places it among the safest on the road. Earlier in the year, the Subaru XV also performed particularly strongly in this area, ensuring Subaru now has one of the safest model ranges available in the UK.

Subaru's unique permanent Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system remains at the heart of the vehicle; paired with Vehicle Dynamics Control, the Japanese brand's electronic stability control system, this contributed to a high Safety Assist score from Euro NCAP.

The fourth-generation Forester builds upon the outgoing model's credentials as a user-friendly compact SUV, with improved performance, safety and efficiency and a larger, more practical cabin. A low centre of gravity and improved body rigidity – the result of Subaru's hallmark Boxer engines and the use of high-tensile steels respectively – contribute to improved refinement and fun-to-drive characteristics.

Haydn Davies, Marketing Director, Subaru UK, commented: "This is a strong result for a model that has consistently been one of our best-sellers, and the all-new Forester's active, passive and hazard avoidance technologies will make it one of the safest cars on and off the road. That the new model will be more practical, more economical and more refined than its predecessor only adds further to its appeal."

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Ford Ranger and new transit custom claim top spots at What Van? awards

THE new Ford Transit Custom has been awarded the prestigious What Van? Van of the Year Award for 2013, with the Ford Ranger collecting the Pick-up of the Year title.

The Transit Custom, which was also voted International Van of the Year 2013, impressed What Van?'s judging panel with its interior and exterior quality, as well as a host of innovations new to the light commercial vehicle sector. It also picked up the Medium Van of the Year title, meaning that in the last seven years, the Ford Transit has won 17 What Van? Awards.

Paul Barker, What Van? editor, said: "The new Transit Custom does the name and heritage of the UK's dominant van proud by improving vastly over its award-winning predecessor, particularly in terms of innovation and interior quality, which is superior to anything van drivers are used to.

"The Transit Custom is not the only good news for Ford, with the excellent Ranger also a clear winner in our Pick-up of the Year category, and a trio of highly commended acknowledgements making Ford by far the most successful brand in the 2013 What Van? Awards."

Mark Ovenden, Ford of Britain managing director, said: "It's been an amazing start for the Ford Transit Custom, now made even more significant with this superb recognition from the What Van? judging panel. The Transit has been the best-selling van in the UK for 46 years, and continues to go from strength to strength."

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bowls round-up

CHARD BOWLING CLUB

In the Milford and Dormer Open Triples in-form Odcombe continued their unbeaten run with this week's win over the Greyhounds ***writes Sandra Semple.***

East Coker against the Magpies was a fascinating game. East Coker took the lead which they retained until end 11 when the Magpies drew level. East Coker drew ahead again on end 12 but the Magpies came back at them again leaving everything to play for at the last end. The Magpies finally won by two shots.

The Hurricanes against the Canaries and the Harlequins against Westway were rather one-sided affairs with the Hurricanes and the Harlequins coming out on top.

In the East Devon League Chard B welcomed Cliff C on Friday, 30th November 30th . The final outcome was a win for Chard B by 7 games to 1 and 79 shots to 35 but the result does not really represent how close matches were. Four of the games were won on the final end so this one could have gone either way.

On the social side of this very friendly club the latest draw for the '100 club' was made last Saturday (December 1st) at the Winter Brolly.

The winners were Rosemary Barnard, John Harris and Norman Leighton. I am sure these wins will make Christmas a little more jolly for this trio!

Events planned for December are; a Bingo evening, Christmas dinner and New Years Eve fish and chip supper.

The club is always open for both Lawn and Short Mat bowls. There are also social memberships available. If you would like to come along and try your hand sometime please contact either Edwin Herrick on 01460 929794 or Rosemary Barnard on 01460 65763.

	Pld	+/-	Pts
Odcombe	8	51	14
Harlequins	9	54	12
Hurricanes	8	16	12
Greyhounds	9	12	12
Canaries	9	-33	8
Magpies	9	13	7
East Coker	9	-22	3
Westway	9	-91	2

East Devon & District League

A'noon D3	Pld	+/-	Pts
Sidbury	3	89	6
CHARD B	3	140	5
CHARD A	3	89	2
Seaton Cliff C	3	-47	2
Colyton B	4	-163	2
Hemyock B	4	-105	1

angling Ilminster

Ilminster AA, 2nd December
River Isle, Somerset - 8 fished
Royal Oak Winter League

LMINSTER AA members were back on the River Isle this weekend for round four of the Royal Oak winter league.

Despite a frosty start the river fished quite well with lots of roach and chublets featuring in catches. Steve Bishop fished his first match on the river for years and came out top with a nice net of mainly roach weighing 8lb 2oz from peg 126 at Isle Brewers.

Jamie Rich continued his good run, finishing second with 6lb 8oz of mainly chublets from peg 15. Rob Cox was third with chub and roach weighing 6lb 3oz from peg 123.

In the league, Rich still leads with a perfect 40 point score followed by Cox with 36 and Graham Field on 33.

Next week is the Christmas fair, if you want to fish please contact Rob Cox or Pete Lonton, the draw is at the Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Result: 1 - Steve Bishop (Chard) - 8lb 2oz, 2 - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) - 6lb 8oz, 3 - Robin Cox (Ilminster) - 6lb 3oz.

For the full match report go to www.against-menandfish.blogspot.com

horse racing bob buckler stable

Trial and error for duo

IT WAS a week of consolidation for Bob Buckler, with two of his three runners last week receiving an education ***writes Stuart Broom.***

Four-year-old **Digger's Mate** is a huge horse, the biggest Buckler has ever trained, and was having his fourth run on a racecourse in a bumper at Newbury where he finished down the field.

The Henley-based trainer who owns the horse said: "It was a pleasing run and the education will have done him good.

"However he is really still a big baby, and what I might do now instead of putting him over hurdles which he ignores because he is so big, is take advantage of a new rule which allows me to take him out of training for a period.

"I will then give him a couple of point-to-point races where I think he will learn a lot more through jumping fences than going over hurdles."

breathing problem

Another horse having a run, this time to check a breathing problem was **Glenwood Present**. He showed potential at the beginning of the year with a third place, but has been hampered in his last races by a breathing problem.

Buckler decided to run him over a two-mile bumper race wearing a tongue-tie to see if that rectified the problem, and although he was run out of the race by faster horses, Buckler was pleased with the result.

"He's a 3m chaser and so not bred for speed, but running him over the shorter distance meant he was racing faster than normal, and he didn't choke and suggests that the tongue-tie has done its job.

"He's such a good jumper at home we may now move straight to fences and miss out the hurdles."

Ballyegan unseated his rider at the second fence in the Sportingbet Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase over 3¼ miles at Newbury on Friday.

Up towards the front with Mr F Windsor Clive aboard; the pair parted company at the tricky open ditch.

Ilminster bowlers celebrate superb silver-laden season

LAST Saturday (December 1ST) Ilminster Bolwing Club held its annual presentation dinner.

The prizes were presented by the Men's County President Don Bridges who was accompanied by his wife and the Ladies President Mary Sutton.

The Ilminster President Dot Whelan, the Men's Club Captain, Louis Ridout, and Liz Cooper (Child Protection Officer), from Somerton were also present. The evening was by presided over by Kevin Hamilton.

After a superb meal provided by John and Sandra Ridout, the following presentations were made;

Men's Singles Winner, Louis Ridout, Runner up Bill Anderson.

2 Wood Singles Winner Bill Anderson, runner-up Louis Ridout.

Handicap Winner Louis Ridout, runner-up Dave Crouch. Over 60s Winner Des Maull, runner-up Barry Sims.

Non-Winners Single Winner David Pugh, runner-up Dave Wallis.

4 Wood Pairs Winners Steve Webster & Alan Holt, runners-up Roy Orme & Rodney Parkin.

2 Wood Pairs Winners Andy Williams & Jason Miles runner-up David Pugh & Kevin Hamilton.

Over 60s Pairs Winner Steve Yarrow & Derek Carter, runners-up David Pugh and Roger Brown.

The County President also congratulated the Club on winning the Premier League Title for a second time and the success in the County Competitions by individual bowlers in what has been a another successful season.

Ladies Singles Winner Angie Watkins, runner-up Lyn Williams. 3 Wood Pairs Winner Helen Collins & Lyn Williams, runner-up Rita Grout & Monica Woodland.

Mixed Singles Winner Lyn Williams, runner-up Jason Miles.

4 Wood Mixed Pairs Winners Angie Watkins & Bev Brister, runners-up Lyn & Andy Williams.

The Ladies President gave a special mention to the Ladies for winning the Double of the Southey Cup and the Wessex League.

Ilminster also finished runners-up in the Wessex Mixed Triples League.

■ AWARD winners and officials pictured at Ilminster Bowling Club's annual awards dinner.

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT **puts ILMINSTER TOWN FC'S STEVE GARLAND** ***UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT***

Q How long have you played local football for? and for which teams?

A I started at 16 playing for two seasons at Langport in the Yeovil league where we won the League and the same season the Somerset intermediate cup on Yeovil Town's pitch. During this time I represented the Yeovil League and had trials at Plymouth, Yeovil and Dorchester and represented Somerset under 18s. Then I joined Ilminster Town and played mainly for the Reserves and also the first team. I've also played for Chard Town Reserves, Combe St Nicholas and Shepton Beauchamp.

Q Who are the best three players you have played alongside, and why?

A **Andrew Sparks** playing for Ilminster under 12s to under 15s - he was strong and good on the ball. **Andrew North** – small, but fast, scored lots of goals, **Phil Major** at Forton - great centre-back, the best in league at that time, he read the game so well.

Q What is your favourite away ground?

A AFC Bournemouth (best local ground Chard Town FC's Zembard Lane).

Q Do any games or incidents stick in your memory?

A Playing for Yeovil Reserves at Bournemouth against a side that included Jamie Rednapp and Luther Blissett who both played for England.

Q How would you improve things in local football?

A It maybe wishful thinking, but it would be nice if all the games in the league had a qualified referee.

Q Name some young players we should look out for.

A Dan Edmunds and Taylor Jefferson two teenagers playing for Ilminster Town Reserves - both have great potential.

NEXT: PERRY STREET LEAGUE LEGEND
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ILMINSTER LEAGUE

NOMINATION CUP - DIVISION ONE: King's Head 305-10 (M.Tilley 47, J.Goldie 29) Ashill Inn 273-2 (N.Dopson 44, V.Woodland 24), Flying Turkeys 227-2 (S.Ash 62, A.Whitefield 10) Crown Royals 244-10 (B.Miles 47, M.Grabham 12), Carnival Clingons 311-4 (S.Lee 50, M.Newbury 30) Cricketers 313-8 (D.Price 46, S.Lonton 25).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	4	38
Flyings Turkeys	4	25
Carnival Clingons	3	24
Crown Royals	3	22
Bell & Crown	3	16
Ashill Inn	3	15
King's Head	3	14
Donyatt BC	3	12
Wyndham Clangers	2	2

NOMINATION CUP - DIVISION TWO: Royal Oak Faces 213-11 (A.Male 38, N.Jenkins 16) Wyndham Arms 125-1 (S.Chown 28, G.Danvers 7), Ashill Boys 195-10 (D.Sutton 37, M.Brown 14) Hatch Eggs 180-2 (G.Knight 38, S.Childs 10), Bell A 234-2 (A.Lee 42, N.Maidment 19) Rockey's Rollers 270-10 (Adam Rockett 43, T.Russell 21).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Nomads	3	32
Rockey's Rollers	3	31
Royal Oak Faces	4	23
Hatch Beagles	3	14
Bell A	3	22
Ashill Boys	2	13
Hatch Eggs	3	5
Wyndham Arms	3	3

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	8	74
Muddled Men	9	63
King Willy Dogs	8	60
Coachmen	8	57
Royal Oak Drimpton	9	54
Head Hunters	8	49
Super Sexy Six	8	48
Stray Cats	8	40
Nomads	8	34
Football Club	8	32
The Fryers	8	29

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Con Club Legends	9	64
Brewers Bees	9	61
Rollers	9	60
Club Fixers	9	59
Concorde	9	59
Perrott Monkeys	9	58
Raptors	9	57
Sports 92	9	53
Skimmers	9	47
Pinbusters	9	46
Fokkers	9	44
Rug Rats	9	40

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Muppets	8	85
Merriott Men	8	80
Hung Like Horses	8	62
Chis Colts	8	57
The Likely Lads	8	56
Numpties	8	56
Willy Low Flyers	8	53
Sandbaggers	8	52
Knappers	8	42
Kings Pick n Mix	8	40
Beer Leg Boys	8	34
Rotary	8	31

rugby round-up and preview

Rampant Chard scale Castle ramparts

SOUTH-WEST 1 (West)
Chard 1st xv had no fixture last weekend but return to action tomorrow with a home game against Oldfield Old boys (kick-off 2 15pm).

This is a big game for Chard as Oldfield currently sit below them in the table and it will be a golden opportunity for Chard to move into a mid-table position and significantly increase the gap between themselves and the teams below.

Chard supporters should note that the postponed game away at Paignton has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 22nd

SOMERSET DIV 1
CHARD 2ND XV 46PTS
CASTLE CARY 1ST XV 0PTS

THESE two teams have had some really good matches in the past and the Chard side will be very pleased with their performance in this one.

The hosts dominated the play from the off and went ahead with a penalty goal from the boot of Charlie Alen-Roberts after ten minutes play.

The Chard pack were absolutely outstanding throughout the game and after winning the ball against the head the ball was spun out to the backs and Alen-Roberts waltzed over under the posts for Chard's first try which he also converted.

Full-back David Baker went over for a second try as Chard took control.

The three experienced players in the team namely, Clive Adams up from the 3rds, Paul Wright, and Alan Henley kept their young colleagues on their toes and, following a lot of pressure, the Cary defence folded and skipper Matt Tinley went over for try number three.

Cary had a few penalty opportunities to get on the score sheet but these went harmlessly wide.

The last play of the half went on for an age and eventually Chard broke away from deep in their own half and winger Billy Vernon ran through to score the bonus point try.

Alen-Roberts slotted the conversion to extended the half-time lead to 27-0.

The second-half continued in the same vein as the first with the Chard pack dominating the exchanges with their front row of Aplin, Robinson and Biss absolutely outstanding.

Alen-Roberts went over for his second try which he also converted.

Then, following a sustained period of pressure on their line, Cary were penalised for illegal play and the referee had no alternative but to award Chard a penalty try which was again converted by the trusty boot of Alen-Roberts.

Chard did lose a player to the bin for ten minutes but even this didn't help the well-beaten visitors.

Tinley finished things off with a his second try to give Chard a thoroughly deserved win in what was in many ways their best performance of the season.

Tomorrow Chard 2nds, now up to fifth in the division one table, have a tough away game against current leaders St Bernadettes Old Boys.

SOMERSET DIV 2 (south)
CREWKERNE 1st XV were without a fixture last weekend but return to Tribute Somerset League division Two (South) action tomorrow with the visit of action fourth-placed Somerton.

The Henhayes side current sit proudly on top of the table with a magnificent 10-game 100 per cent winning record.

SOMERSET DIV 3 (south)
Chard 3rd xv v Tor 3rd xv
CHARD 3rds were given a walkover and five points because Tor could not raise a side.

The team are away against Wellington 3rds tomorrow.

Crewkerne 2nds were awarded a walkover against Minehead Barbarians 3rds.

The Crewkerne second-string, currently lying sixth, travel to eighth-placed Yatton tomorrow.

■ **EXPERIENCED ROLE:** Clive Adams

ILMINSTER TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS

Hat-trick of awards for Heather

ILMINSTER Tennis Club held their annual presentation evening last Saturday.

The awards were presented by Rachel Charles to the following;

Ladies Singles: Winner Heather Horgan, runner-up Sue Forrest. Ladies Doubles: Winners - Heather Horgan & Jo Seare, runners-up Rachel Charles & Nicki Beardon, Mixed Doubles: Winners - Heather Horgan & Danny Whaites, runners-up Annie Dart & Matt Hamilton. Mens Doubles: Winners - Chris Battle & Mike Hardwill, runners-up Glynn Sims & Peter Rielay. Mens Singles: Winner - Jeremy Osborne, Special Ladies Challenge Cup was presented to Pat Elliott.

long-serving captain

Special mention was also made of the 16 years that Danny Whaites has served as team captain.

■ **WELL DONE**: Award winners and officials gather for a photo call at the Ilminster tennis club's recent annual awards evening.

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hockey chard

Lewis double lifts B team up to fourth

Minehead 5
Chard Ladies 1st XI 1
A 5-1 defeat at second-placed Miehead last weekend leaves the Chard Ladies still hunting their first point of the season.

Sedgemoor Div 1	Pld	Pts
Taw Valley	8	24
Minehead	7	18
Cheddar	7	15
Weston-sup-Mare	6	10
Taunton Vale IV	7	10
Bridgwater II	8	10
Winscombe II	7	7
ECVH II	8	3
CHARD	8	0

Next fixture:
CHARD Ladies' next fixture is away to leaders Taw Valley on Junaury 12th 2013.

Chard 0 Isca B 2
CHARD'S four-game unbeaten run came to an end with a 2-0 defeat at the hands of visiting league leaders Isca B.

Southern 2	Pld	Pts
Isca B	10	23
Torbay	10	21
Caradon	10	19
Yeovil & Sherb A	10	18
Okehampton	9	17
East Devon A	10	17
CHARD	9	13
UHSC Plymouth	9	12
Plymouth Uni A	10	8
Plymouth Marj C	10	8
Truro B	10	7
PGSOB B	9	1

Tomorrow's fixtures:
Caradon v Plymouth Uni A, Chard v East Devon A (2pm), Isca B v Truro B, Okehampton v Yeovil & Sherb A, Plymouth Marj v USHC Plymouth, Torbay v PGSOB B.

Chard A 2 Bridgwater B 0
GOALS either side of half-time from Trevor Goss and Wait earned Chard A all three points from the visit of Bridgwater B who finished the game with 10 men.

Davis Wood SE 2	Pld	Pts
Minehead A	10	20
Mid Somerset A	9	19
Isca D	10	18
CHARD A	9	17
Teign A	9	16
Taunton Vale D	9	14
Bridgwater B	10	13
East Devon B	9	11
Okehampton A	9	9
West Dorset A	9	9
ECV Hornets C	10	3
Taunton CS A*	9	2

(pts deducted)*

Tomorrow's fixtures:
Bridgwater B v Teign A, Isca D v ECV Hornets C, Mid Somerset A v Taunton Vale D, Minehead A v Chard A, Taunton CS A v East Devon B, West Dorset A v Okehampton A.

Sidmouth & Ottery E 1
Chard B 3
CHARD B came from behind to beat lowly Sidmouth & Ottery E 3-1.

The hosts struck early but two penalty corner convert by Duncan Lewis saw Chard edge ahead at the interval.

Alan Chaffey scored from third penalty corner after the restart to clinch the win.

Davis Wood SE 3	Pld	Pts
Minehead B	8	18
East Devon C	9	17
Isca E	8	16
CHARD B	8	14
Yeovil & Sherb C	9	14
Sidm'th & Ottery D	8	12
Bridgwater C	8	12
Ashmoor B	8	5
Sidm'th & Ottery E	8	4
Bridgwater D	8	1

Tomorrow's fixtures:
Ashmoor B v Bridgwater C, Bridgwater D v Isca E, Chard B v Minehead B (12.30pm), Sidmouth & Ottery St Mary D v Sidmouth & Ottery St Mary E.

◆ **Chard Hockey club is staging a quiz night/raffle on Sunday (December 9th) at the Lordleaze.**

Teams of four, to arrive at 7pm for a 7.30-pm start.

Compo 50

THERE was great news for Somerset County Cricket club supporters yesterday morning.

Nick Compton, who had such a fine season with the bat for the county team in the summer, recorded his maiden half-century for England in the first innings of the third test against India in Mumbai.

Compton pushed his average up to 35 as he struck 57 (6x4, 1x6) having put on 165 for the first wicket with his captain Alastair Cook who moved serenely on to 136no.

England were in control on 216-1 at the end of day two having dismissed the hosts for a below par 316.

darts chard & district

Premier Division
Results (November 26th): High 4 & A Half 10 BDBs 17, Hopefuls 11 Hobnobs 19, Pop Darts 14 Best of a Bad Lot 14, Scrum down 23 Pig Jockeys 1, Slaps Lot 16 New Order 13.

Premier	Pld	Pts
Scrum Down	9	184
BDB's	9	152
Slaps Lot	9	147
New Order	9	141
High 4 & A Half	9	128
Phoenix Poppes	9	109
Hopefuls	9	106
Hobnobs	8	101
Pig Jockeys	9	90
Pop Darts	9	88
Best of A Bad Lot	9	72

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: Leighton Cox (High 4 & A Half)Gary Hill (Scrum Down) both 4. Best shot-out: Shane Mears (Hobnobs) Mark Pearce (Hopefuls) both 160.

Division One:
Clubbers 14 Stumpy's Gang 6, Dix with Chix 9 Double Trouble 10, Happy Sharks 12 PAs 7, Madhouse Crew 12 The Pirates 8.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Clubbers	9	127
The Pirates	9	84
The Downs	7	82
Happy Sharks	8	79
Stumpy's Gang	8	77
Madhouse Crew	8	73
PA's	8	70
Dix with Chix	7	62
Double Trouble	7	57
Two Minute Crew	7	44

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: Steve Major (Two minute Crew) Richard Sampson (Clubbers) both 2. Best shot-out: Shane Goodall (Madhouse Crew) 157.

Division Two: Broken Arrows 0 Cult of Personality 17, Phoenix Flyers 7 Rare Breeds 13, Red Devils 11 Winning Team 6.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
From Small Acorns	8	107
Cult of Personality	7	99
Rare Breeds	7	79
Red Devils	7	75
Phoenix Flyers	7	62
Broken Arrows	7	60
Winning Team	7	54
Dizzy Tarts	7	50
B's Knees	7	44

◆ **STAT LEADERS:** Most 180s: Matt Elliott (From Small Acorns) and Barney Haydon (Winning Team) both x1. Best shot-out: Luke Napper (From Small Acorns) 110.

cricket crewkerne

James scoops four

CREWKERNE Cricket Club has recently celebrated another excellent season for the club.

Thirty Seven playing members and family attended the Henhayes Centre as the club celebrated the 2012 season.

After an excellent three course meal, Club Captain's Ashley Lawrence and Hamish Hodder presented the following awards ;

First XI League: Batsman - Robbie James, League Bowler - Robbie James, Fielder - Jon Gould, Player's Player - Robbie James, Captain's Player - Nick Keylock, Best Batting - Tom Briggs 152no, Best Bowling - Robbie James 5-10. Young Player of the Year - Sam Rowswell.

Friendly XI: Batsman - Richard Keylock, Bowler - Rob Cornelius, Fielder - Hamish Hodder, Player's Player - Rob Keylock, Captain's Player - Jack Osborne, Best Batting - Richard Keylock 155no, Best Bowling - Sam Rowswell 4-9. Duck Award - Nick Bodger.

The Club would like to thank both The Henhayes Centre and the caterers from Melanie's Kitchen.

Somerset Senior football

Hurf returns along with mystery new singing

SAM Clark's 20th goal of the season earned Chard Town an impressive Toolstation division one point after a 1-1 draw at Cribbs Friends Life FC last Saturday.

Clark netted from the penalty spot in the 71st minute after Mike McCormack had been felled.

But the Robins couldn't hang on and Andy Forward bagged an equaliser soon after.

With two 'keepers unavailable Sam Spurway did a fine job between the sticks - using his renowned wicket-keeping skills to good effect.

Chard team: S.Spurway, A.Fricker, L.Voizey, N.Warren (A.Cole 85), M.Scott, G.Knight, R.Hebditch, A.Martin, S.Clark, M.McCormack.

There's a mouth-watering match at Zembard Lane tomorrow with Chard, still lying second and unbeaten in eight games, entertaining third-placed Shepton Mallet (3pm ko).

"This will be a real pointer as to how far we have progressed this season," said acting manager Adam Fricker.

Tauflik Ben-Salem returns from suspension and is joined by Jon Hurford who has returned to the club after a spell with Axminster Town.

Acting manager Adam Fricker is also hopeful of making an as-yet unnamed new signing.

◆ **Chard Town are officially switching on their new floodlights with a match on Tuesday (December 11th) against Evo-Stik Southern Premier division outfit Weymouth FC (7.30pm ko).**

With rivals Sidbury United rained off **Chard Town Reserves** extended their lead at the top of D&E League division One to four points with a 3-1 win over visiting Alphington.

Luke Finn (2) and Rob Stubbings scored for the Robins who who travel to mid-table Heavitree SU tomorrow.

Ilminster Town recorded their first clean sheet of the season as a Jon May tap-in earned all three points at Minehead.

The Blues, now up to sixth in the Somerset Premier division tabel, entertain Nailsea Town tomorrow (2pm ko).

Combe St Nicholas travelled to high-flying Winscombe having been beaten in the reverse fixture at Slades Cross at start of season.

The Saints opened the scoring when Paul Stoodley cooly slotted home his first goal of the season following a goalmouth scramble.

The hosts created several good chances in the second-half but found 'keeper Jason Hutchings in top form.

Ben Haines added a second with a shot which nestled in the top corner.

Winscombe did finally beat Hutchings late on but were denied by the woodwork and Combe had their third successive away clean sheet and three more vital points.

Combe now travel to Nailsea Town Reserves tomorrow in the Division 2 Cup (1.30pm ko).

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up the Perry Street & District League

Premier division title is up for grabs

Challenge Cup Round One

BEAMINSTER 1 PERRY STREET 2

JAY Bailey gave Street the lead direct from a corner early on only for youngster Alex Stephenson to equalise for the vastly depleted hosts who had a clutch of their regulars away on their annual club trip to watch Bristol City (lose 4-1 at home to Wolves!)

But the winner came when the hosts failed to deal with another inswinging corner and it was bundled over the line for an own goal to give Perry Street their first win over the hosts in their last nine encounters.

SHEPTON BEAU 3 COMBE RES 2

FIRST-Half goals from Sam Murley (2) and Dan Smith saw Shepton Beauchamp cruise into the break three up.

The Saints responded after the restart through Mark Redwood and Dan O'Connor but the damage was done and Shepton were through to the last eight.

◆ **QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:** Shepton Beauchamp v Perry Street, Winsham United v Crewkerne Town, Lyme Regis v Farway United, Ilminster Town v Millwey Rise or South Petherton.

Tommy Tabberer Cup round 1

LAST season's beaten finalists Dowlish & Donyatt booked a quarter-final place with a 2-1 win over Thorncombe.

A double from Adam Male clinched the win and extended the Dodgers unbeaten run to nine games before the Thorns, who lost defender Marc Parsley with a broken collar bone, grabbed an injury-time consolation through a Lee Fisher penalty.

*(Parsley is likely to be out for several months, **Weekender Sport** wishes him a full and speedy recovery).*

Premier

WINSHAM UNITED 1 LYME REGIS 1

THE premier division top-of-the-table clash lived up to it's billing with no quarter asked, or given, in a bruising encounter that saw Lyme bring an end to Winsham United's nine-game winning run at their Baker's Field home.

The result, and indeed the match itself proves there is very little to choose between these sides and Winsham United are definite title contenders.

The hosts took the lead in the 34th when Ash White, who had a fine game down the right flank, burst clear before squaring to Gary Warren who swivelled neatly and fired low into the corner across Lyme 'keeper Will Meech who got a hand to the shot but couldn't keep it out.

Moments late White thought he had added a second but referee SimonSalter spotted a foul in the build-up.

If Winsham shaded the first 45 then the second belonged to Lyme.

They levelled in the 66th minute when Julien Simier, who had an otherwise quiet afternoon, jinked his way to the byline before cutting back an inch-perfect cross to Matt Laing who thundered home a clinical eight-yard header at the near post.

A series of late set-pieces saw Lyme put some severe pressure on the Winsh goal. Steve Batey had a header kicked-off the line but the hosts' defence held firm and the teams had to settle for a point each.

The day's other premier division game was postponed with the Ilminster Town pitch unplayable for the scheduled visit of Crewkerne Town.

Division One

FORTON Rangers surged back up to second place courtesy of goals from Andy Stevenson, Lee Goodland and on OG in the 3-1 win at Crewkerne Town Reserves who replied through Mike Traynor.

Barrington remain an outside bet for a promotion spot following a 3-2 win over Lyme Regis Reserves at the Davey Fort.

Tom Perry scored twice for the Yellow Hammers.

Division Two

ILMINSTER Town Colts ended their five game losing trot and boosted their hopes of beating the drop with a 3-2 win over rivals Charmouth.

Dan Horgan, Tom Bond and Danny Whaites netted for the Blues – although Charmouth felt they may have had a hand in four of the five goals scored!

Not such good news from Chard Rangers who were level at 2-2 before slipping to a 6-2 home defeat at the hands of new league leaders Uplyme.

Scott Marshall and Max Patch scored for the Rangers who were well-served by Scott Marshall and were pleased to welcome back Kane Ellis and Dan Wilcox after long lay-offs.

Division Three

AS predicted the promotion clash between Winsham United Res and hosts Drimpton produced plenty of goals.

Winsham quickly ended the hosts four and half hour shut-out record and went on to lead 2-0.

But Chris Rowswell scored twice for Drimpton who stormed back to edge in front at 3-2 but it wasn't enough to save their unbeaten record.

Bryan Garrett scored twice to complete a hat-trick and Tom Stead smacked home a 25-yarder for the pick of the goals in an impressive 5-3 victory.

Top-of-the-table Luso eased to a 4-1 win at lowly Hinton.

The Saints had a decent first half and only trailed 2-1 after Igor Costa struck just before the break.

But the visitors went up through the gears after the restart to extended their unbeaten start to 11 matches.

Down at the foot of the table the bottom two both pouched a point after 2-2 home draws – Chard Uited against Millwey Rise Res and Misterton Res against Ilminster A.

The other game saw Warren Gabbidon score for the seventh game in row as Combe A edged past Lyme Bantams 2-1 up at the Woodroffe School.

Division Four

A 3-2 HOME defeat at the hands of Thorncombe Res saw leaders Barrington Res lose ground and drop three places in the hunt for the two promotion spots.

After a goal less first 45 player-manager Gary Parsley headed the Thorns into the lead only for the hosts to reply with a double strike.

But the visitors responded with a brace of their own with substitute Brett Venn netting the all-important winner from a free-kick that deceived everybody.

Over at Slades Cross a Simon Rodber penalty earned second-placed Combe B their third 1-0 victory in a month while Shepton Beauchamp remain third after a comfortable 4-0 win at lowly Uplyme Reserves where Tom Brister scored twice.

Finally, Kingsbury Episcopi dropped two points when they conceded goals from Liam Whitworth and Dean Salter in the last four minutes and had to settle for a 2-2 draw at Forton Rangers Reserves.

■ **PROMOTION CHASERS:** Dowlish & Donyatt are going well in division two. Line-up, standing from left: Nathan Doey, Steve Usher, Stuart Lee, Andrew Male, Tom Evans, Gavin Babb, Lance Joslyn, Chris Butler. Front: Luke Mann, Andy North, Adam Male, Lee Mears (captain), Ben Charlton, Leighton Cox.

RESULTS – December 1st

Devon Intermed Cup (East area QF)
Millwey Rise 4 Topsham Town 3rds 0
Priory p Farway United p

Dorset Junior Cup – Quarter-Finals
Normalair RSL Res 0 Netherbury 7
Waytown Hnds 2 B'mouth Uni staff 4

Challenge Cup R1
Beaminster 1 Perry Street 2
Shepton Beauchamp 3 Combe Res 2

Tommy Tabberer Cup R1
Dowlish & Donyatt 2 Thorncombe 1

Premier
Ilminster Res p Crewkerne Town p
Winsham United 1 Lyme Regis 1

Division One
Crewkerne Res 1 Forton Rangers 3
Lyme Regis Reserves 2 Barrington 3
Perry Street Res p W & M Chinnock p
S.Petherton Res p Beaminster Res p

Division Two
Chard Rangers 2 Uplyme 6
Ilminster Town Colts 3 Charmouth 2
Pymore p Crewkerne Rangers p

Division Three
Chard Utd Res 2 Millwey Reserves 2
Drimpton 3 Winsham Utd Reserves 5
Hinton 1 Luso-Chard 4
Lyme Regis Bantams Combe A
Misterton Reserves 2 Ilminster A 2

Division Four
Barrington Res 2 Thorncombe Res 3
Combe B 1 Farway Utd Reserves 0
Forton Res 2 Kingsbury Episcopi 2
Uplyme Res 0 Shepton Beau Res 4

Tomorrow's Preview

Knock-out cups

FARWAY United, Lyme Regis and Drimpton are all on the road in county cup-tie action.

Lee Drayton's Drimpton face a long trek to Lower Parkstone with a place in the last four of the **Dorset Minor cup** at stake.

Meanwhile, Misterton await the winners of the Beaminster Res v Netherbury **Division One cup** semi-final.

Ilminster Town A travel to Hawkchurch as clear favourites to book a place in the floodlit **John Fowler cup** final having won the corresponding league game 7-2 back in September.

The other semi sees Millwey Res host Lyme Bantams.

League games

THERE are three **premier division** games and all appear too close to call.

At Slades Cross Combe Reserves could go third with a first league win over Crewkerne Town in five years.

Up at Shepton Beauchamp the hosts' will once again put their imperious home record on the line with the visit of Millwey Rise.

The Devonians boast an impressive front pairing of Sam Dibling and Callum Somers and Shepton have suspended defenders… the record could go!

But the game of the day could be at Lightgate Lane where South Petherton entertain Beaminster. Matches between these two are always feisty – tomorrow should be no different with Pethy desperately trying to recapture their air of invincibility on their own turf.

The Match-of-the-day in **division one** is at Oxleaze where West & Middle Chinnock, after two weeks clicking their heels, return to action with the visit of Barrington.

Victory for the Chinnocks could take them top and effectively kill of the visitors' already slim promotion hopes.

Misterton will also be eyeing top-spot when they travel the short distance for the local derby against Crewkerne Reserves at henhayes.

It's 15 games since Adge Diment's have lost a league match while the Tigers are without a win in six.

Elsewere, second-placed Forton Rangers go into tomorrow's game at Lyme Regis Reserves full of confidence. It's more than 10 years since the Rangers were beaten by the Seasiders' second-string.

With **division two** leaders Uplyme inactive Dowlish & Donyatt can retake top spot if they avoid defeat at bottom of the table Chard Rangers.

Dowlish have scored 17 goals in the last three matches between the teams – there could be more to come tomorrow as Rangers have the leakiest defence in the division.

Chard United can close the gap on the top two to just a point with victory over struggling Charmouth at Jocelyn Park while Thorncombe travel to Netherbury to face Waytown Hounds for the first time in their history.

The big games in **division three** are coming thick and fast for Winsham United Res.

Richard White's team, fresh from a fine win at Drimpton, entertain runaway leaders Luso-Chard at Baker's Field.

If Winsham slip-up then a win for Combe A over Hinton will see them jump up a place to second.

Elsewhere the bottom two meet at Unity Lane where Misterton Res welcome Chard United Res.

It's tight at the top of **division four** with a quartet of sides battling it out for the two promotion spots.

Current leaders Combe B face a tough looking trip to Shellway Lane to face fourth-placed Barrington Res while unbeaten rivals Thorncombe, currently third, face - on paper – an easier task when they entertain Farway United Reserves.

There's a mid-table clash at Seavington where Crewkerne Rangers Res welcome Kingsbury Episcopi.

Finally, the destiny of the league's wooden spoon could be decided at Venlake where Uplyme Res entertain Chard Rangers Res.

FIXTURES – December 8th

(all 2pm ko unless stated)

Devon Intermed Cup (East QF)
Priory v Farway United

Dorset Intermediate Cup QF
Ferndown Spts v Lyme Regis (1.30pm)

Dorset Minor Cup QF (1.30pm)
Lower Parkstone v Drimpton

Division One Cup – SF
Beaminster Reserves v Netherbury

John Fowler Cup – Semi-Finals
Hawkchurch Utd v Ilminster Town A
Millwey Res v Lyme Regis Bantams

Premier
Combe Reserves v Crewkerne Town
Ilminster Town Res p Perry Street p
Shepton Beauchamp v Millwey Rise
South Petherton v Beaminster

Division One
Crewkerne Town Reserves v Misterton
Lyme Regis Reserves v Forton Rangers
Perry Street Res v South Petherton Res
West & Middle Chinnock v Barrington

Division Two
Chard Rangers v Dowlish & Donyatt
Chard United v Charmouth
Ilminster Town Colts p Pymore p
Waytown Hounds v Thorncombe

Division Three
Combe A v Hinton St George
Misterton Res v Chard Utd Reserves
Winsham Utd Res v Luso-Chard

Division Four
Barrington Reserves v Combe B
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Kingsbury
Thorncombe Res v Farway Utd Res
Uplyme Reserves v Chard Rangers Res

PSDL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis	8	5	2	1	13	17
Winsham United	6	5	1	0	10	16
Beaminster	8	4	3	1	4	15
Combe Reserves	8	3	2	3	2	11
Crewkerne Town	6	3	0	3	3	9
Shepton Beauchamp	7	2	3	2	0	9
South Petherton	9	3	0	6	-8	9
Perry Street	7	2	2	3	-3	8
Millwey Rise	3	2	0	1	1	6
Ilminster Town Res	6	0	2	4	-10	2
Farway United	6	0	1	5	-12	1

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Netherbury	8	6	1	1	18	19
Forton Rangers	8	6	1	1	13	19
Misterton	8	5	3	0	16	18
W & M Chinnock	7	6	0	1	12	18
Barrington	8	5	0	3	5	15
Crewkerne Town Res	9	2	0	7	-11	6
Lyme Regis Res	6	1	2	3	-6	5
Perry Street Res	7	1	2	4	-12	5
Beaminster Res	9	1	1	7	-14	4
S.Petherton Res	7	1	0	6	-19	3

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Uplyme	9	5	4	0	22	19
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	6	1	2	11	19
Chard United	8	4	3	1	11	15
Pymore	8	4	1	3	18	13
Crewkerne Rangers	7	4	0	3	3	12
Waytown Hounds	9	3	2	4	-14	11
Thorncombe	7	3	1	3	-3	10
Charmouth	8	3	1	4	-8	10
Ilminster Town Colts	9	2	1	6	-17	7
Chard Rangers	9	1	0	8	-19	3

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	11	10	1	0	30	28*
Winsham Utd Res	10	7	0	3	21	21
Combe A	9	6	1	2	17	19
Drimpton	8	5	2	1	16	17
Millwey Rise Res	10	4	2	4	17	14
Ilminster Town A	10	4	2	4	4	14
Lyme Bantams	9	3	2	4	2	11
Hawkchurch United	8	3	1	4	-5	10
Hinton St George	10	1	2	7	-36	5
Misterton Res	9	1	1	7	-40	4
Chard Utd Res	10	0	2	8	-25	3*

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Combe B	10	6	2	2	5	20
Shepton Reserves	8	7	1	0	22	19*
Thorncombe Res	9	6	3	0	25	18*
Barrington Res	11	5	3	3	9	18
Forton Reserves	11	4	1	6	-6	13
Kingsbury Episcopi	9	3	1	5	1	10
Farway United Res	8	3	1	4	-6	10
Crewkerne Reserves	8	2	1	5	-2	7
Uplyme Res	11	2	1	8	-28	7
Chard Rangers Res	9	1	2	6	-20	5

** = points adjusted*

TOOLSTATION Div 1

TOP	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hengrove	17	13	2	2	32	41
CHARD Town	19	12	1	6	17	37
Shepton Mall	18	11	2	5	14	35
Calne Town	18	10	3	5	15	33
Corsham	17	9	4	4	14	31
Cribbs FL	16	9	4	3	14	31
Portishead	17	8	3	6	3	27
Oldland Abb	16	8	2	6	6	26
Roman Glass	18	6	6	6	-5	24
Sherborne	12	6	5	1	18	23
Bradford T	16	7	2	7	12	23
Cheddar	17	6	3	8	0	21
Keynsham	17	7	3	7	-7	21*
Elmore	16	5	6	5	-4	20*
Welton Rov	19	5	5	9	-16	20
Westbury U	17	4	6	7	-4	18
Warminster	19	4	5	10	-21	17
Almond'ry	16	4	4	8	-6	16
Devizes	20	3	3	14	-35	12
Shrewton U	16	2	3	11	-26	9
Wellington	15	1	4	10	-21	7

SOMERSET League

PREM Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Berrow	14	10	1	3	13	31
Cutters Frid	14	9	1	4	8	28
Street Res	11	8	1	2	13	25
Ashton & Bac	13	7	3	3	8	24
Nailsea Utd	12	7	2	3	12	23
ILMINSTER	14	5	4	5	-3	19
Odd Down	15	6	1	8	-11	19
Minehead	11	5	3	3	8	18
Langford Rov	9	5	2	2	10	17
Shirehamptn	11	4	5	2	2	17
Nailsea Town	11	5	0	6	-3	15
Weston St J	15	4	3	8	-9	15
Bishops Lyd	11	3	3	5	-5	12

DIV 2W Top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Congresbury	12	10	1	1	25	31
Wells City Rs	13	8	1	4	29	25
Middlezoy	12	8	1	3	22	25
Portishead	10	7	1	2	24	22
Nailsea Utd	11	7	0	4	16	21
COMBE St N	13	6	3	4	7	21
Winscombe	11	7	0	4	6	21
Burnham Res	13	7	0	6	-10	21
Churchill Cl	13	5	1	7	-5	16
Cheddar Res	12	5	1	6	-13	16
Weston St J	13	5	1	7	-19	16
Nailsea T Res	11	4	1	6	-5	13

DEVON & EXE Div 1

DIV 1 top	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
CHARD RES	10	8	1	1	23	25
Sidbury Utd	10	7	3	0	22	24
Tiverton Res	7	5	2	0	27	17
Bow AAC	7	5	1	1	11	16
Heavitree SU	9	5	1	3	1	16
Witheridge	6	5	0	1	11	15
Wellington	10	4	1	5	0	13

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